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SUBJECT: CONCLUSION OF TARIFF NEGOTIATIONS AND ROUNDING

1. THERE IS ONE MAJOR TECHNICAL OBSTACLE TO CONCLUSION OF THE TARIFF NEGOTIATIONS BY DECEMBER 15 WHICH CAN AND MUST BE OVERCOME. THAT IS THE ABSENCE OF A U.S. OFFER EXPRESSED IN LEGAL TERMS, THAT IS, WITH HEADNOTES; FULL DESCRIPTIONS OF TARIFF ITEMS; WITH PRECISE OFFERS ON PRODUCTS SUBJECT TO COMPOUND OR SPECIFIC TARIFF RATES (RATHER THAN THE OFFERS' AD VALOREM EQUIVALENTS); AND WITH DELETION OF TARIFF ITEMS ON WHICH THE UNITED STATES IS MAKING NO OFFER (UNLESS CERTAIN OF THOSE ITEMS ARE NEEDED TO CLEARLY INDICATE THE SCOPE OF A CONCESSION). THE OFFER IN LEGAL TERMS WOULD BE A NEAR-FINAL VERSION OF THE DOCUMENT WHICH WILL BE INITIALLED AS PART OF THE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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FINAL ACT OF THE TOKYO ROUND, THAT IS, SCHEDULE XX--UNITED STATES OF AMERICA. THE UNITED STATES IS THE ONLY KEY COUNTRY WHICH HAS NOT TABLED AN OFFER IN LEGAL TERMS.

2. WE UNDERSTAND THAT AN OFFER EXPRESSED IN LEGAL TERMS HAS BEEN TYPED (AND PREPARED ON IBM MAGNETIC CARDS FOR EASY ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS) AT USITC BUT THAT IN

ABSENCE OF MANY DECISIONS, INCLUDING DECISIONS ON
ROUNDING, NO RATES HAVE BEEN INSERTED IN THIS DOCUMENT.

3. TO PERMIT COMPLETION OF THIS DRAFT DOCUMENT AND ITS
USE AS A NEGOTIATING TOOL IN GENEVA, WE URGE THAT
DECISION ON ROUNDING BE MADE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

4. OUR AIM IS TO ACHIEVE THE MAXIMUM DEPTH OF CUT FROM
ALL KEY PARTICIPANTS. TO ACHIEVE THIS AIM, WE RECOMMEND
THE FOLLOWING TECHNICAL STEPS BE TAKEN (WITH THE EFFECT
OF INCREASING MARGINALLY OUR OWN DEPTH OF CUT): WHETHER OR
NOT TRADE ACT SECTION 101 TARIFF AUTHORITY IS USED FULLY
ON A PARTICULAR ITEM, THAT ALL THE FINAL RATES WHICH WE
ARE OFFERING BE ROUNDED DOWNWARD IN MANNER CONTAINED IN
SECTION 109(B). THAT IS, IN GENERAL ALL FRACTIONAL
FINAL RATES WHICH WE ARE OFFERING WOULD BE ROUNDED DOWN
TO THE LESSER OF EITHER: (A) THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN
THE SECTION 101 LIMITATION (OR THE OFFER RATE IF FULL
SECTION 101 AUTHORITY IS NOT BEING USED) AND THE NEXT
LOWER WHOLE NUMBER, OR (B) NOT MORE THAN ONE-HALF OF ONE
PERCENT AD VALOREM (OR AD VALOREM EQUIVALENT FOR COMPOUND
AND SPECIFIC RATES).

5. SINCE IT IS PROBABLY NOT FEASIBLE TO DESIGN A COMPUTER
PROGRAM FOR ROUNDING COMPOUND OR SPECIFIC RATES, THESE
WILL HAVE TO BE CALCULATED MANUALLY. IN VIEW OF TIME
PROBLEMS, WE URGE THAT THIS WORK BE STARTED IMMEDIATELY.
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